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BA 1240

GORE HOUSE  
400 Main Street  
Reisterstown, Maryland.

Private

400 Main Street is a late nineteenth century of moderate size, well proportioned but traditional in design, making almost no reference to current style.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Gore House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

400 Main Street

6th

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Michael J. Lambros

Telephone #: 666-2200 (business)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

9900 York Road

Maryland

21030

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 5250

Folio #: 199

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Towson

CITY, TOWN

Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

BA-1240

**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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400 Main Street is a two storey frame dwelling five bays in length, facing the street to the east. Extending to the rear or west behind its north end is a two storey kitchen wing one long bay in length. This house dates from the period ca. 1875-1890.

The simple gabled roofs extend beyond the walls with wide plain eave and rake cornices. Single-flue brick chimneys rise within the north and west gables; a similar chimney formerly was within the south gable. Walls are covered with plain weatherboards. Windows are 2/2 with narrow beaded frames and louvred blinds. The principal entrance is centered in the east front, a single door with a transom. A two storey addition with a low-pitched shed roof fills the angle between the main house and the rear wing.

Within was a center hall containing an open staircase, a room on either side and one in the rear wing. Part of the partition between the hall and the north room is removed and the staircase is enclosed. The south room and the second floor are let separately, not accessible for inspection. The north room has a slate mantel painted in imitation of inlaid marble and the arched firebox has a cast-iron liner, the last remaining element of a Latrobe stove. Openings are trimmed with architraves having five beads with a sixth at the inner edge, meeting at the head with corner blocks. Doors have four panels. An enclosed secondary stair is in the northeast corner of the rear wing.

A cellar extends beneath the entire house. First floor joists are circular sawn.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

| PERIOD  |  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING      | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION                   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION            | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE                    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS               | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE                  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION               | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN        |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING             | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER                    |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY                | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION               |   | local history                                       |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The land originally part of John Reister's estate lying in Brotherly Love. On John Reister's death, Henry Wiest divided the tract into building sites, about a 1/4 acre. This lot was sold in 1805 to John Sumwalt. (WG89/85ff). Prosperous, Sumwalt owned considerable property in Reisterstown. He eventually acquired the Reister Inn and surrounding ground which gave him most of Reister's Desire on the west side of the turnpike. (Marks, op. cit., p. 55-56)

On Sumwalt's death, his estate was sold off by Samuel Tagart, Trustee. Lot #1, that which is under consideration here, was sold in 1860 to Emma Igo of Baltimore City for \$245.00. (GHC31/498ff). She resold the lot in 1874 to Anne E. Gore. (JB 9/164). Miss Gore is shown as owning the property in the 1877 Hopkins Atlas of Baltimore County. It was probably she who built the house which still stands today. She held the property until she died in 1887. In her will, she devised the property to her sister, Julia Elizabeth Gore, also unmarried. (BC Wills JP 8/160).

In 1896, Julia E. Gore sold the property to Mary McCoy for \$450.00. (LMB 216/513). Mrs. McCoy is shown on the 1898 Bromley Atlas of Baltimore County. She died intestate in 1897 and left the property to heirs. By 1929, the heirs were desirous of conveying all their interest. In 1929, Virginia C. McCoy, unmarried et al sold the property to Benjamin H. Wiley and his wife. (LMcLM 843/463).

In 1937 Benjamin Wiley sold the property to Lawrence E. Cole and his wife. (CWB 994/257).

Over thirty years later, Lawrence Cole, now a widower, sold the property to Sarah F. Beach, Dorothy F. Bradley, Joan Medlin and Mary Lou Urguhart in 1972. (OTG 4831/122 and OTG 5250/199). In 1977, the property was sold to Michael Lambros, the present owner.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**Marks, Lillian Bayley Reister's Desire (Baltimore, 1975)

Land Records Baltimore County Court House, Towson, Md.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/2 acre**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY James T. Wollon A.I.A.**

NAME / TITLE

Cornelia M. Ives

9/78

ORGANIZATION

Historic Reisterstown, Inc.

DATE

833-3078 (Ms. Ives)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

430 Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Reisterstown, Md.

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



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Gore House  
400 Main St  
Reist. Md

Carol Pollack  
4/77  
West.